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ceived in forty years \$45,000,000 of Negro money in taxes and donations. Five millions a year is raised by Negro secret and beneficial societies, which hold at least \$6,000,000 in real estate. Negroes support wholly or in part over 60 old folks' homes and orphanages, 30 hospitals, and 500 cemeteries. Their organized commercial life is extending rapidly, and includes all branches of the smaller retail businesses and forty banks.

Above and beyond this material growth has gone the spiritual uplift of a great human race. From contempt and amusement they have passed to the pity and perplexity of their neighbors, while within their own souls they have arisen from apathy and timid complaint to open protest and more and more manly self-assertion. Where nine-tenths of them could not read or write in 1859, to-day two-thirds can; they have 200 papers and periodicals, and their voice and expression are compelling attention.

Already the poems of Dunbar and Braithwaite, the essays of Miller and Grimke, the music of Rosamond Johnson, and the painting of Tanner

are the property of the nation and the world. Instead of being led and defended by others, as in the past, they are gaining their own leaders, their own voices, their own ideals. Self-realization is thus coming slowly but surely to another of the world's great races, and they are to-day girding themselves to fight in the van of progress, not simply for their own rights as men, but for the ideals of the greater world in which they live; the emancipation of women, universal peace, democratic government, the socialization of wealth, and human brotherhood.

This, then, is the transformation of the Negro in America in fifty years: from slavery to freedom, from 4,000,000 to 10,000,000, from denial of citizenship to enfranchisement, from being owned chattels to ownership of \$600,000,000 in property, from unorganized irresponsibility to organized group life, from being spoken for to speaking, from contemptuous forgetfulness on the part of their neighbors to uneasy fear and dawning respect, and from inarticulate complaint to self-expression and dawning consciousness of manhood.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL SUNDAY

February 13, 1910

MARKS an important day in the calendar of many of our Sunday-schools. The American Missionary Association introduced the observance of this special day sixteen years ago. The Sunday-schools, with their usual wise conservatism, were somewhat slow to adopt the day. Its significance and value, however, have appealed to the pastors and Sunday-school officials more and more. Last year 60,000 of our Congregational young people observed

LINCOLN MEMORIAL SUNDAY by actual record. Is it not possible to double the number this year? Surely there are 120,000

loyal boys and girls and young people in our Congregational Sunday-schools who love their country and honor the name of our martyred president sufficiently to give to the study of these national problems a half hour, or an hour, in the session of the Sunday-school once a year.

The object of Lincoln Memorial Sunday is two-fold. First, the study of the life of our martyred president, and of the great national problems that gather about his name. Secondly, to increase the knowledge concerning the work of the American Missionary Association, which was largely made possible through the great events with which Abraham Lincoln had so much

to do, and to help that work by generous gifts.

Almost every important problem of national security and development comes appropriately into the study of this day. The eight races among whom the Association carries on its work, each in some real way relates itself to Lincoln Memorial Sunday.

The mountain people, or American Highlanders, occupy the uplands of six southern states, of which Kentucky is one, in the mountains of which commonwealth stood the cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born.

The Negroes, freed in the shock of the Civil War by the pen of Abraham Lincoln, appeal through the American Missionary Association for the Christian education of their multitudinous children.

The work in far-away Alaska, where the A. M. A. represents our Congregational churches, came into the responsibility of our nation through the act of the Secretary of State of President Lincoln's administration.

The humane and upright Christian policy in the treatment of the Indians was first introduced by President Lincoln. The work among the Indians carried on by the A. M. A. naturally articulates itself into the study of Lincoln Memorial Sunday. The new problems presenting themselves to us in the education and uplift of the people of the Island Territories recently coming under our flag, and the impressive problem facing us in our Pacific states through the Oriental immigrants of Japanese and Hindus, are added to this great work for which the churches have held the American

Missionary Association responsible during the years. This great field is surely worthy the study of our entire Sunday-school body for one Sabbath in the year.

It is worth while also for the young people representing the citizenship of the future, to feel a sense of responsibility for the support of this work so intimately affecting the future of our country. A new Lincoln Memorial Concert Exercise has been prepared this year by a very clever writer, and will be furnished to any of the Sunday schools, Young People's Societies or other bodies desiring to give thought and study to the duties of patriotism. Envelopes or banks for the gathering of the gifts of the young people will be furnished from any of the A. M. A. offices. These gifts, after all, measure the patriotic interest of the young people. Last year upon Lincoln Memorial Sunday the patriotic young people of the country contributed double that of any previous year to the important work of the American Missionary Association, so essential to the maintenance and progress of our country. Is it unreasonable to estimate the gifts of this body of young patriots even beyond this high water mark for 1910?

Pastors, Sunday-school Superintendents, and Presidents of Christian Endeavor Societies, have large opportunity to stimulate the patriotic zeal and intelligent appreciation of the duties and privileges of citizenship by encouraging the young people of our churches to observe

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TILLOTSON—OUR COLLEGE IN THE FAR SOUTHWEST, AUSTIN, TEXAS

By President Isaac M. Agard, Ph.D.

POSITION often counts more on the hard-fought field than numbers and equipment. The wise commander chooses locations

well, and, through strategic points, makes the most of forces and supplies. With limited means, our missionary movements can reach directly only a